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January 10, 2000

Lawrence Noble, General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E. St. NW Washington, D.C. 20463

By: Certified Mail

Re: Complaint against WMUR-TV and CNN

Dear Mr. Noble:

This is a complaint against WMUR-TV of Manchester, N.H. and Cable Network News for making illegal campaign contributions to the Presidential Campaigns of Vice-President Al Gore and Senator Bill Bradley.

The above named corporations are sponsoring a candidates debate on January 27, 2000 to be broadcast on WMUR-TV and CNN. While the debate is advertised as a debate of "Democratic Presidential Candidates" Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. has been excluded.

By any objective criteria Mr. LaRouche should be included in the debate. Mr. LaRouche is the only other candidate for the Democratic nomination that has been received federal matching funds. He has actively campaigned in New Hampshire and throughout the country.

The exclusion of LaRouche is a violation of FEC regulations governing candidate debates which require debate sponsors to use "pre-established objective criteria" in determining who to invite to a debate. (11 C.F.R. § 110.13) Furthermore, staging organizations must show that those, "...criteria were not

designed to result in the selection of certain pre-chosen participants. (60 Fed. Reg. 64.262 (Dec. 14,1995).

To provide Mr. Gore and Mr. Bradley with national T.V. exposure, just 5 days before New Hampshire's February 1 Democratic Primary, while excluding their only major rival in that election, amounts to an expenditure of funds in support of their candidacies and against LaRouche's candidacy.

Upon information and belief, the sponsoring organizations are corporations. Expenditures on behalf of a candidate for President by a corporation is prohibited under U.S.C. 441b.

The addresses for the above named corporations are:

WMUR-TV 100 South Commercial St. Manchester, NH 03105

Cable Network News Tom Hannon-Political Director 820 First St. N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002

Sincerely,

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Patricia D. Salisbury 800-929-7566

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 15^{th} day of January, 2000.

My Commission Expires
May 31, 2001



WMUR-TV and CNN to hold Presidential Debates

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January 26, 2000 January 27, 2000 on WMUR-TV

WMUR-TV/Imes and CNN will co-produce two presidential debates. Both debates will air *LIVE* from WMUR-TV's broadcast center in Manchester, NH.

Republican Presidential Candidates
January 26, 2000
time to be announced

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